

# COLUMBIAN SUPPLEMENT, OCTOBER 26, 1888.

## Murdered by Highwaymen.

TWO PAYMASTERS KILLED ON A WILKES-BARRE MOUNTAIN.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 19—A most daring robbery and murder occurred this morning a few miles from here on the Wilkesbarre mountain. Two paymasters, John B. McClure and J. Flanagan, of Philadelphia, and their horse, were shot dead, and a sum of money, amounting to \$12,000, in their possession was taken by the murderers. The murdered men were on their way to pay the workmen on McFadden's new branch of the Lehigh Valley railroad between Mill Creek and Laurel run. They were riding along in a buggy through a strip of woods to the place where the payments were to be made, when the highwaymen stepped out of the woods, and, crying "Halt!" they shot the horse dead and also both the paymasters. The money was in a box and was composed of gold and silver, which the robbers took and fled at once for parts unknown. The daring act has caused a great deal of excitement here, and all efforts are being made by police, detectives and citizens to capture the villains.

Shortly after the Wyoming national bank opened this morning Mr. McClure, accompanied by his assistant, Hugh Flanagan, called at the bank and drew from that institution \$12,000 which had been sent from Philadelphia to the bank by Contractor McFadden a few days ago. Leaving Wilkesbarre about 10 o'clock, McClure and Flanagan drove to Miner's Mills, where they turned off up the rough mountain road. About a mile from town is a lonely place, the road being boarded with pine trees and brush. Here it is probable that they encountered the robbers who stepped out on either side of the road as if to let them pass. As they did so the robbers fired three shots at Flanagan, one bullet passing through his head, another through his neck, and the third struck him between the left eye and ear. Another robber, meantime, was firing at McClure, but as two bullet holes in a pine tree indicate, they failed to take effect and the horse ran away. When it had gone about a hundred feet Flanagan fell from the buggy to the ground. Two more shots were then fired at McClure, taking effect in his back, when he too fell, but caught on to the step and was dragged nearly half a mile. Another shot was fired at McClure which entered his left eye and tore out the top of his head. When the robbers came to Flanagan's body they struck him on the forehead, crushing his skull. As McClure's horse was a spirited one it was impossible for the robbers to overtake him. But a third party was in waiting at the top of the hill who shot the horse as he came up. The robbers then took from the buggy the valise containing the money and escaped to the woods. Within ten minutes Contractor McFadden came down from the railroad camp and found the horse standing still alive and McClure's dead body under the buggy. McFadden drove back to the camp, secured aid and again drove down. They then discovered that the murder and robbery had been committed, and driving down the road they found Flanagan's body. Coming to town they gave the alarm and soon the country was swarming with officers and volunteers. Arrests have been made, but they were not the parties wanted. The robbers were armed with breech-loading rifles. Flana-

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gan was 50 years old and quite well to do. McClure was 25 years of age, his home being at Downingtown, Chester county, where his mother and two sisters reside. Detectives O'Brien and Heffernan returned at a late hour this evening from the search for the robbers and express the opinion that the murder was the work of Hungarians or Italians. An inquest was held on the bodies by the coroner this evening. The testimony taken was of no importance, except as to the suspicious actions of a young Italian whose name is withheld at present, and who was a clerk for the boarding house master at the works. He has been at Mill Creek station this morning acting in a peculiar manner. The inquest was adjourned. The detectives arrested the Italian but he was allowed to go later on, as he promised to aid them in finding the murderers. He is being shadowed at every step, as it is believed he knows something about the affair.

A handsome Cleveland and Thurman flag has been unfurled to the breeze across Main street.

Rev. M. L. Ganoe, Presiding Elder of the Danville District Central Pennsylvania M. E. Conference, recently sent out a circular letter to all the Methodist preachers of the district, asking them to inform him whether they were Prohibition party voters, "yes" or "no." Thirty-six answered in the affirmative and only five in the negative.—Voice.

A large and enthusiastic democratic mass meeting was held at Benton, Thursday, Oct. 23. Committeeman John A. Chapin took charge of the meeting and W. L. Cole acted as president, John C. Wenner, John Baker, Jackson Derr, H. C. Everett, Vice Presidents. Wm. I. Hibbs Esq., of Pittston and John M. Garman Esq., of Nanticoke, held the audience for over two hours with the discussion of the issues of the day and brought forth rounds of applause. Every one was delighted and the north end of the county promises to roll up its old time majority for the whole ticket.

JOHN S. KLINE, Sec.

A new lot of legal blanks just received at the COLUMBIAN office.

### A Good Chance to Make Money.

We call the especial attention of persons in need of profitable employment to the advertisement of Messrs. A. D. Worthington & Co., Hartford, Conn., in another column. They want men and women to act as agents for Mary A. Livermore's recent book, "My story of the War." It is a famous book, magnificently illustrated, and Mrs. Livermore's narrative of her own experience as a hospital nurse for four years during the war is a tale of thrilling interest. Agents are doing wonderfully well with it. Lady agents are especially successful, and good workers right in this vicinity can do a paying business with this volume between now and Christmas. Read the advertisement and send to the publishers for their terms to agents. The book and its publishers are both first-class.

BLOOMSBURG, PA., Oct. 22, 1888.

We take pleasure in announcing that the loss occasioned to our property by the recent fire has been adjusted and settled to our entire satisfaction.

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